[Translation]

People below Poverty Line

5179. SHRI SHATRUGHAN PRASAD SINGH : Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that neither any programme has been devised for the upliftment of people living below poverty line nor any budgetary provisions have been made for this purpose during this financial year;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the time by which any such programme would be devised and by when funds would be granted to the States in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) to (c) No, Sir. The major poverty alleviation programmes being implemented in the rural areas of the country are (i) Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP); (ii) Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY); (iii) Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY); (iv) Million Wells Scheme (MWS); and (v) Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS). The major urban poverty alleviation programmes are (i) Nehru Rozgar Yojana (NRY); (ii) The Urban Basic Services for the Poor (UBSP); and (iii) Prime Minister's Integrated Urban Poverty Eradication Programme (PM's IUPEP). Budgetary provisions have been made for these programmes during the current financial year; on the basis of which funds have been granted to States.

[English]

Supply of LPG Cylinders

5180. SHRI MADHUKAR SIRPOTDAR : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Greater Mumbai, LPG dealers are receiving inadequate supply of LPG cylinders and the consumers have to face hardship;

(b) if so, the requirement of Greater Mumbai, consumers per month and the actual supply to dealers between January and June 1996; and

(c) the steps Government have taken for regular and adequate supply of LPG cylinders ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (c) The demand of existing consumers of LPG in Greater Mumbai who are enrolled with the distributors of Public Sector Oil Companies is, by and large, being met in full. However, temporary backlogs that may arise are cleared by supplies from bottling plants in adjoining areas and by operation of LPG bottling plants during extended hours and on Sundays and holidays.

Self Employment

5181. SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES : Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to provide self-employment to ten lakh youth from the most deprived families in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, including the time-frame for its implementation;

(c) the total financial outlay on this programme;

(d) the means of funding this programme; and

(e) the agency would like to implement the programme ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VARMA) : (a) The Ministry of Industry is implementing special employment Scheme in Khadi and Village Industry Sector with the objective of creating two million jobs as recommended by the High Power Committee (HPC) under the Chairmanship of former Prime Minister.

(b) To achieve the goal of creating this number of job opportunities in the rural areas, following new schemes have been taken up—

(i) **125 Priority Block Programme** : To commemorate the 125th Birth Anniversary of the Father of Nation, this programme was launched on 2nd October, 1994. The scheme has been launched in full vigour with an objective of generating employment opportunities of 55,000 people.

(ii) **District Special Employment Programme** : The programme envisages employment generation for 5 lakhs people covering 71 districts throughout the country in 3 years' period, with a maximum employment generation for 10,000 persons per district.

(iii) **National Programme on Leather** : The programme envisages setting up of 200 projects by 1997-98 to generate employment for 2 lakh people. For the year 1996-97, 50 projects will be launched for providing sustainable employment to 50,000 artisans.

(iv) **National Project on Handmade Paper** : The programme is of 3 years' duration. It envisages